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Lewis & Clark Caverns	10/18/1935	Limestone caverns; first state park in Montana
Ackley Lake	12/26/1940	Water sports/fishing
Lone Pine	2/20/1941	Scenic, hiking, and archery range - donated for educational purposes
Yellow Bay	3/10/1941	Water recreation
Missouri Headwaters	5/22/1947	Capt. Clark found the three forks that form the Missouri; named the rivers: the Jefferson, the Madison and the Gallatin
Makoshika	11/10/1953	Badlands that are rich in dinosaur deposits
Bannack	1/23/1954	Site of Montana's first major gold strike and first territorial capitol
West Shore	7/1/1955	Water recreation
Fort Owen	5/26/1956	First white settlement in Montana
Lost Creek	1/21/1957	Fishing, wildlife viewing, picnicking and camping
Medicine Rocks	5/6/1957	Native American tribes visited these enormous towers to elicit the aid of the spirits / very scenic
Smith River	3/11/1960	Scenic, floating, fishing and wildlife viewing
Whitefish Lake	4/29/1960	Water recreation
Thompson Falls	6/3/1960	Water recreation and bird watching
Chief Plenty Coups	11/27/1961	Home of visionary Crow chief, advocate of peaceful co-existence for all people
Painted Rocks	1963	Water sports and recreation
Finley Point	7/12/1965	Water recreation
Big Arm	4/3/1966	Water recreation
Hell Creek	5/1/1966	Water sports/fishing
Madison Buffalo Jump	10/19/1966	Used as a jump for over 4,000 yrs; used by 6 different tribes
Lake Mary Ronan	1/25/1967	Water sports/fishing/bird watching
Logan	12/28/1967	Water sports and camping
Beavertail Hill	9/21/1968	Fishing/camping



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Pictograph Cave	1969	Pictographs done by prehistoric hunters
Wayfarers	9/2/1969	Water recreation
Cooney	10/5/1970	Water recreation
Frenchtown Pond	8/3/1972	Day-use site for fishing, swimming and picnicking
First Peoples Buffalo Jump	9/6/1972	Largest buffalo jump in the U.S.
Giant Springs	11/29/1972	One of largest freshwater springs in the nation
Greycliff Prairie Dog Town	1/7/1974	A protected home for blacktailed prairie dogs
Sluice Boxes	8/29/1974	Albright and Riceville were built when limestone was mined in the canyon
Beaverhead Rock	6/27/1975	Lewis & Clark landmark recognized by Sacajawea
Granite Ghost Town	6/30/1975	Mining ghost town
Wild Horse Island	12/10/1977	Water recreation and wildlife viewing
Placid Lake	12/21/1977	Water sports / fishing
Salmon Lake	12/21/1977	Water sports / fishing
Council Grove	8/25/1978	Site of Hellgate Treaty; established the Flathead Indian Reservation
Rosebud Battlefield	10/10/1978	Battle between General Cook's infantry and the Sioux and Cheyenne
Elkhorn	1/7/1980	A community center during the silver boom (used as dance hall, boxing matches, plays and secret fraternity meetings).
Black Sandy	10/17/1980	Water recreation
Spring Meadow Lake	7/31/1981	Water recreation and picnicking
Pirogue Island	4/30/1982	Wildlife viewing and floating
Tongue River Reservoir	1/27/1983	Water recreation
Lake Elmo	6/27/1983	Water sports/fishing
Les Mason	12/30/1983	Water recreation and bird watching
Clark's Lookout	12/23/1985	Lewis & Clark lookout for route ahead
Anaconda Smoke Stack	9/24/1986	Tallest standing brick structure in the world



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Travelers' Rest	3/20/2001	Traditional and long time camping area for Native Americans traveling over Lolo Pass
Tower Rock	4/29/2004	Site mentioned in Lewis & Clark journals; vantage point.
Brush Lake	12/29/2004	Water sports and recreation

